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SUBJ: PROPOSAL TO REPAIR AND LEASE PRESENTLY INOPERATIVE FERRY
AT ROSSO.

FM RDO FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY

1. SUGGEST USING STEPS FUNDS FOR REPAIR OF SINGLE INOPERATIVE
FERRY AT ROSSO, IF MAURITANIAN GOVT WILLING TO PERMIT USG OR ITS
OWN MIN HEALTH (DROUGHT COORDINATOR) TO LEASE VESSEL, INCLUDING
PAYMENT OF SALARY OF CREW, FOR EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTING
TRUCKLOADS TITLE II GRAIN ACROSS RIVER. IF MAURITANIANS AGREEABLE,
SURVEY OF REPAIRS REQUIRED COULD BE UNDERTAKEN IMMEDIATELY
BY CONSULTING ENGINEERS MADE AVAILABLE BY SOCOPAO, AND REPAIR
ITSELF BEGUN SHORTLY THEREAFTER. YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER USE
OF STEPS FUNDS FOR UNDERWRITING
ALL COSTS INCLUDING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF VESSEL, WITH
LEASE TO IDEALLY EXTEND THROUGH END OF PERIOD REQUIRED TO TRANS-
PORT LAST TRUCK-LOAD MAURITANIAN FOODGRAINS ACROSS RIVER. ALSO
SUGGEST FUNDING FOR NECESSARY REPAIRS/OVERHAUL OF OTHER FERRY,
UNINTERRUPTED FUNCTIONING OF WHICH IS SO ESSENTIAL FOR NORMAL
PASSENGER AND COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC. EXCLUSIVE USE OF ONE FERRY
WOULD ENABLE TRANSPORTATION AVERAGE 450-500 METRIC TONS
DAILY ACROSS RIVER, REPRESENTING AN IMPROVEMENT OF 400 PERCENT OVER
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PRESENT CAPABILITY. RELEASE OF ONE FERRY TO USG OR HEALTH MIN-

ISTRY FOR PURPOSES HAULING FOODGRAINS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL
AT A TIME WHEN DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO STOP USING RAIL/BARGE
COMBINATION GIVEN HEAVY LOSSES DUE EXCESSIVE HANDLING EN ROUTE. SUGGEST
YOU MAKE OVERTURES TO GIRM AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS, AND
-*534 #-;8,& "TENLELE TERRAIN", REQUEST YOU INFORM DAKAR OF REACTION.

2. AS THIS ITEM/INITIATIVE NOT IDENTIFIED BY FEI TEAM, SHOULD
THERE BE PAUCITY OF STEPS FUNDS, SUGGEST ADDITION PROPOSAL FOR
ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCE-R&R PROGRAM FOR MAURITANIA.
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